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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tripp DATE TYPED 02/16/05 HB 564

SHORT TITLE Socorro Small Business Development Center SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the appropriation for the Commission on Higher Education in the General Appropriations Act

Relates to SB79, HB96

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
 New Mexico Economic Development Department (EDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 564 – Making an Appropriation to Develop a Small Business Development Center in Socorro and Catron Counties – appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to the Commission on Higher Education for expenditure in FY06 for the New Mexico Small Business Development Center at Santa Fe Community College to develop a small business development center in Socorro and Catron counties. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) concept is directed to business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs looking for low-cost information to help them make effective decisions. The center offers four types of services: training, advising, research and technical support. The training component involves courses, workshops and seminars. The advising component provides free, one-on-one, confidential business advice and access to partner organizations. The research component includes a library of government publications, statistics and how-to literature. The technical component includes self-paced learning programs in computerized accounting, inventory control and information processing. All services are open to the public.

CHE notes that this proposal was approved by the Santa Fe Community College Board of Regents; however, this request was not included in the commission's funding recommendation for FY06.

EDD indicates that, at present, the nearest Small Business Development Center is in the Albuquerque area. Further, that this legislation would be of assistance to residents of Socorro and Catron counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to the appropriation for the Commission on Higher Education in the General Appropriations Act

Relates to SB79 and HB96 in that SB79 and HB96 seek to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the general fund to the Commission on Higher Education for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 to fund the statewide New Mexico Small Business Development Center at Santa Fe Community College in order to enhance existing core services and implement additional program services by:

- assisting small businesses in international trade;
- implementing formal business retention and expansion projects in local regions served;
- supporting business incubation efforts in regions served by community colleges and local small business development center offices;
- providing services and support for quality management training to small businesses and expand outreach to underserved communities.

OTHER SUBTANTIVE ISSUES

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) has hosted the Lead Center of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center network since 1988. SFCC provides physical space and fiscal support services to the Lead Center, which directs and manages New Mexico's 18 Small Business Development Centers presently located at:

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- Albuquerque TVI Community College (South Valley and Eagle Rock Avenue centers)
- Clovis Community College
- Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell
- Luna Community College, Las Vegas
- Mesalands Community College, Tucumcari
- New Mexico Junior College, Hobbs
- New Mexico State University, Alamogordo
- New Mexico State University, Carlsbad
- New Mexico State University, Dona Ana: Las Cruces
- New Mexico State University, Grants
- Northern New Mexico Community College, Espanola
- San Juan College, Farmington
- Santa Fe Community College
- University of New Mexico, Gallup
- University of New Mexico, Los Alamos
- University of New Mexico, Valencia: Los Lunas
- Western New Mexico University, Silver City

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